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TALE OF WOE.

Embryo Irish Landlord Is Reciting His Troubles in London.

Henry Persse's Charges Caused Inquiry by House of Commons.

Ireland's Attorney General Declares That Woes Are Only Imaginary.

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This is the way Persse tells his story in London drawing rooms: "I am the most persecuted man in Ireland. I am speaking publicly now at the risk of my life, but I am so tired of my life that I may as well be shot as continue to live as I have done recently. Three years ago I took on a home lease farm in County Galway, a farming and residential property, and put into it most of my little fortune. Today the legume prevents me from farming it. I can not live there in safety. I have to pay a large rent and heavy taxes. I am being ruined."

"Before I took possession I was well known and popular in the district, in which I have spent most of my life. My family has lived there since the year 1690. Not a word of warning was given to me, but as soon as I signed the agreement trouble began. My laborers told me they had been called before the local branch of the league and forbidden to work for me; tradesmen were forbidden to sell to me, and nobody dared buy the produce of my farm. My life was threatened. My place is guarded by the police, and while there I am watched by three other policemen, specially detailed to protect me personally. They follow me everywhere the moment I step outside of my own door. In a word, I am boycotted by neighbors, to whom I have given no offense, at the order of the league, which has no cause of complaint whatever against me. There has never been an eviction on my farm, and I took it on the death of the former occupier."

"I receive all my supplies by parcel post or by train. The man I send to fetch them has to be accompanied by an escort of police. The men I send to work in my fields must also be escorted by armed policemen."

"A man brought timber from me last year, but a day or two afterward wrote declining to accept delivery. He had been intimidated. From another man I brought fuel. His house was fired into because he had sold to me. When I was about to begin mowing my fields were planted with iron spikes, hundreds of them, which prevented the use of a mowing machine. A grave was dug, provided with a headstone, and decorated with flowers."

"I was awakened in the middle of one night by the noise of a great crowd below. They were driving off my cattle. As I opened the door they surged past, sweeping the cattle with them. Though they had three encounters with the police they succeeded in carrying off eleven out of fifty head. That crowd was under almost military direction. I heard the regular words of command given."

"In the first year I subtlety sold small lots of my land. The holders were frequently summoned before the local branch of the league, and formally tried as though by a practically constituted court of law. They were ordered to give up their holdings and apologize. They did so. The proceedings were reported and the letters of apology printed in full in the local papers."

"Three policemen have stringent orders not to let me out of their sight. Policemen are stationed at the lodge and around the house all night. We sit alone at night these winter evenings, my wife and I, in a large, still room, of that country house, silent and anxious, not knowing at what moment a bullet may come crashing through the windows. So far they have done nothing more than fling a stone. I keep in my bedroom two loaded revolvers and a loaded rifle."

"The motive of those who instigate these outrages is simply that they

want the land themselves. Till they get it it shall be boycotted. It shall be made so useless that nobody will take it, and after a certain time the holder will consent to sell to the Land Commissioners."

"What chills us to the marrow of our bones is the practical repeal of the peace preservation act. Revolvers and arms are being sold all over the country. But Mr. Birrell says the country is peaceful. At the next rising it will be found that the people all have weapons. I have come to England to bring these facts before the public and to arouse sympathy with those who are suffering like myself. If I can not succeed I may as well die."

GREAT GENIUS

Displayed By Deceased Man Who Once Lived in This City.

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GENIAL KNIGHTS

Played Hosts to Ladies and Guests at Annual Reception.

Louisville Council, Knights of Columbus, gave its annual reception at the Seabach Monday night. At least 200 Knights and their ladies, daughters, sweethearts and friends attended. The entire tenth floor of the magnificent hotel was turned over to the Knights and their guests. P. H. Callahan, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, seemed to be ubiquitous in his desire to see that all the guests were enjoying themselves. Sometimes he was on the tenth floor, encouraging the dancers; a second later he was on the second or third floor looking after the proper reception of the Knights and their guests. Again you would find him superintending things for the collision served at 11:30 o'clock. Of course Mr. Callahan was ably assisted by a score of colleagues, but his spirit predominated the whole corps.

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RECOVERS HEALTH.

The Very Rev. Monsignor Dechartre, Vicar General of the diocese of Fort Wayne, Ind., who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is sufficiently recovered to leave his bed.



THE NEW ST. BONIFACE SCHOOL, A CREDIT TO THE GERMANS.

DEMOCRATS

Must Get Together Now If They Want to Win Future Elections.

Many Rumors of War and Real War Is On Among the Republicans.

Police Force and School Board Are Keeping Things Lively.

LOOK AT THE PUBLIC RECORDS

Now is the time for all good Democrats to get together and prepare for the campaign that may land a President of the United States this year, that will certainly land a Democrat in the Mayor's office next year. It all depends on union. The Republicans are disrupted and dismayed. The election of Governor Bradley to the United States Senate has disconcerted Republican bosses in every part of Kentucky and in many sections of the Union. Republican bosses, like Fisher and Roberts in the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, Mr. Mehan was the man who discovered the abilities of J. T. Harahan, now President of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. Jerry Sullivan, now General Master Mechanic of the L. and N. at Decatur, Ala., was another friend and protege. The factory is located at Chatanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Mehan also established the first factory in Mexico and was President of a Mexican mining company. He had a faculty for turning everything he touched into money. He was kindly and generous always, but his charities were never ostentatious. Among his best friends in Louisville was the late Pulaski, Leeds, formerly Superintendent of Machinery for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company. Mr. Mehan was the man who discovered the abilities of J. T. Harahan, now President of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. Jerry Sullivan, now General Master Mechanic of the L. and N. at Decatur, Ala., was another friend and protege. The factory is located at Chatanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Mehan was a member of any society except the Catholic Knights of America, but was always a devout member of the church. His funeral took place from St. Mary's church, Cincinnati, Monday morning, and the services were conducted by the Rev. Father James T. Tierney for the place; Dr. J. W. Galvin seconded the nomination and on motion of Martin Cusick the vote was made unanimous.

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that the office of Custodian had never been legally created by the Louisville School Board. The records of that board, like every other public record in Kentucky, are open to the people. If any person interested will look at the records he will find that Trustee James Norton on the night of July 14, 1907, introduced a resolution creating the office of Custodian, and the person who voted for it were President Phil B. Thompson, Trustee Cusick, Hoertz, Meyer, Nordeman, Drs. John and E. E. Galvin, Norton, Plaza, Rippy, Stehlin and Wolff. There was no objecting voice raised. Later Dr. Sam Meyer nominated T. J. Tierney for the place; Dr. J. W. Galvin seconded the nomination and on motion of Martin Cusick the vote was made unanimous.

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On the other hand, Coons, the mounted policeman, appeared at the sub-station, Preston and F streets, at 2 o'clock Christmas morning. He shot, kicked or beat out a pane of glass from the window. When his partner in official duty, Officer Charles O'Conor, remonstrated with him, he responded, "I am a mounted policeman. Moran and Dolan were good men. Mike Ahern during his long service as a policeman and detective was never once reprimanded by his superior officers, but he and Moran and Dolan were dismissed from the force for alleged election offenses. Some of these offenses were committed before the election, and the alleged offenders were on the police force.

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THE PROPER SPIRIT.

Mackin Council has begun an undertaking of unusual importance in the appointment of a committee to look into the advisability of establishing a Junior Rank. The idea is to make provision for Catholic boys, who have not reached the age of admission to the order. Boys between the ages of fifteen and eighteen need care and attention. They are at that age when they are at a fork in the road, one way leads to gentility, the other to hoodlumism. If Mackin's members can find a way to help the boys, their lead will be followed all over America.

ONE WON OVER.

The Emerald, of Manchester, N. H., says: "The Carlow Nationalists' convention's selecting of McMurrugh Kavanagh as candidate for the Parliamentary vacancy is significant. He was an extensive landholder in Leinster, but has sold his estates. He is the son and heir of Kavanagh of Borris, who in the Disraeli period was leader of the Irish Unionist and landlord party. He himself was a Unionist candidate for East Galway in 1886, but joined the Durnavane movement. Becoming convinced that the devolution would not work, he has now declared for home rule and signed the pledge of the Irish party. It is to be hoped that Mr. Kavanagh will stick to his party through thick and thin."

IRISH UNITY.

At Monaghan, Ireland, two weeks ago, P. J. Shelly delivered an address before the Newbliss Catholic Club. His subject was, "Characteristics of the Celt." After telling of many exploits of Irishmen in every quarter of the globe, not overlooking the fact that an Irish Franciscan was the first priest to reach Bardstown, Ky., he gave them this admonition regarding their faults: "You will, I hope, forgive what may be termed boldness on my part if, after extolling Celtic virtue, I should dwell on some of our faults. Some of those faults can best be remedied, and are being remedied, by the clergy. But there is one weakness, however, much we dislike hearing of it, which is equally disastrous to our national honor and progress—the spirit of dissension. Nor is this spirit of recent growth; it seems at all times inherent in the national character."

No doubt we have conflicting elements in our population, particularly in the North. We have Protestants and Catholics, Celts and Anglo-Saxons, and it is not therefore unnatural that a discordant note should sometimes be heard. Thanks to a changing enlightenment a better feeling now has manifested itself. But what is really to be deplored is that spirit of dissension that exists amongst Irishmen whose interests are identical. You have seen this un-Irish and un-Catholic spirit displayed from time to time in your midst, and to my astonishment and disgust I have witnessed it abroad. This feeling has been the cause of bitter feelings, of long life enemies, and it has been a potent factor in keeping the national cause at an eternal standstill. It is a remarkable and a deplorable fact that Irishmen at home and abroad have their prejudices, their jealousies, their chauvinistic antipathies, their vocabulary of abuse against each other. Are we not all in the North and in the South as in the East and West, Irishmen, with the same hopes and aspirations and struggling for the same reward?"

His point is well taken. The Irish ought to be united. But are we Irish any worse off than any other country as regards unity? We have Democrats, Republicans, Socialists and Prohibitionists in the United States. In England the Liberals and the Tories are forever quarreling. Germany has its "Right, Left, and Center" contingents. French, Italian, Spanish and Australian politicians agree to disagree, but if Irishmen fall out over a question of political equity they are condemned by the whole world.

Caleb Powers, who has had a variegated assortment of sentences in his various trials for complicity in the murder of Gov. Goebel, says he expects to be pardoned by Gov. Wilson and that he will then become a candidate for Congress from the Eleventh district of Kentucky. If he is not guilty what need has he to seek a pardon? If he is guilty why should he seek a pardon and why should he be pardoned?

Poor old Diogenes, the Greek philosopher, is going to get a new job. For centuries he has been hunting for an honest man. Louisville Democrats would like to employ him

SOCIETY.

Miss Celia Laven has gone to New York for a stay of two weeks.

Miss Mary Flood, of Jeffersonville, is visiting relatives in Louisville.

Mrs. Guy Murphy, of Parkland, is visiting relatives in Indianapolis.

Miss Nannie Maloney, of Seymour, Ind., is visiting relatives in Jeffersonville.

Patrick Healy and his bride have returned to Jeffersonville from their wedding trip.

Mrs. Charles Callahan, of Portland, is the guest of Mrs. Ruth Loughmiller, at Indianapolis.

Mrs. W. A. Tarpin is in New York as the guest of Miss Dwan, and will remain several weeks.

Misses Anna Blanche and Josephine McGill have gone to New York to spend several months.

Eric Carrico has returned from New Haven, where he paid his annual visit to his mother.

The Young Ladies' Euchre Club has discontinued all social functions until the Lenten season is over.

Miss Katherine Mattingly, of the Highlands, is visiting her cousin, Miss Althaire Mattingly, at Lebanon.

John Finn, of 3514 Third avenue, who received injuries in a recent street car accident, is rapidly recovering.

Mrs. George F. Blau and grandson, Master John Huffman, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Glynn, at Indianapolis.

Miss Emma Dillon, of 2023 Lytle street, entertained a number of her little friends with a mask party last Tuesday evening.

William Dougherty and Mrs. William Kelly, of Cannetton, Ind., who visited friends in South Louisville, have returned home.

Miss Dora O'Connor has returned from a pleasant visit to Middletown, where she was the guest of Misses Maud and Katie Durr.

Miss Lillie Kearns, of South Louisville, has returned home from her visit to relatives in Lebanon, New Haven and Bardstown.

Mrs. J. H. Kearns and her daughter, Miss Lily, went to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras festivities. They may not return for several weeks.

Thomas O'Hern, who has been confined to his home in Jeffersonville from an attack of grip and fever, is expected to be out in a day or two.

James M. Treasy, J. T. Sullivan and Frank Senn were among the number from this city who were sojourners at West Baden during the past week.

Friends of Miss Carmel Mahoney, who is at St. Joseph's Infirmary under treatment for rheumatism, will be glad to learn that she is improving.

Major Gen. Michael Reichert, of the Catholic Knights of America, is confined to his home by an attack of grip. Fortunately his illness is not serious.

Capt. Mike Dolan, of the No. 5 Engine Company, who sustained serious injuries at the burning of the Second Presbyterian church, is steadily improving.

Miss Carrie T. Goodman and Daniel McHarry Hurn were wedded at Holy Trinity rectory last Tuesday night. The Rev. Charles Curran performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Jack Gilbert, one of the most popular matrons in Parkland, and her little son, Hite Gilbert, have gone to Jackson, Tenn., to spend several weeks with relatives.

John J. Barry, editor of the New Haven Echo, was the guest of his friend and namesake, John J. Barry, of the Kentucky Irish American, at an informal dinner Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manus, of New Albany, are guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Andreas Schlosser, of New Orleans. They arrived in time for the Mardi Gras festivities, but will remain several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berry, of Thirty-second and Broadway, have returned from a pleasant visit to St. Vincent's, Union county, where they were the guests of the Rev. Father Bernard A. Cunningham and his sister, Miss Lizzie Cunningham. They were delighted with their visit, and declare that St. Vincent's is the most beautiful spot in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy, who spent the first days of their honeymoon at New Orleans, have continued their trip to California, and will not return for several weeks.

Mrs. McCoy was formerly Mrs. John Campbell, of 2101 Griffiths avenue. The groom was also well and favorably known in the West End. The marriage ceremony was performed at St. Cecilia's church Thursday evening of last week. The wedding was quite a surprise to their friends.

RECENT DEATHS.

The members of Mackin Council sympathize with John Lynn, whose estimable wife, Mrs. Lynn, died at her home, 2323 Duncan street, Friday night. Besides her husband two small children survive her. The funeral took place at St. Cecilia's church Monday morning. She had been ill of pneumonia for a week and her death was not anticipated until a short time before she passed away.

Robert Malone, one of the oldest steamboat men about the three Falls city, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alice Sheely, Louisville, after a long illness. Saturday morning, and was buried from St. William's church Tuesday morning. The deceased was seventy years of age and a native of County Galway, Ireland, but had resided in America more than half a century. During the greater part of his life he made his home in Louisville, but was occupied on the river as engineer, mate and captain. He was known at every port on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Cox was profusely decorated with Ameri-

can beauties. The parlor was decorated with Easter lilies. The library and dining room, where the tables were set, were decorated in red carnations. There were fifty guests present. Miss Margaret Walsh was assisted in receiving the guests. Sam Lucciotti, a three-course dinner was served. The entertainment lasted until midnight." Later in the week Miss McKenna and Miss Walsh went to New Orleans to attend the pre-Lenten soirees.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGuire were given a surprise party, in honor of the third anniversary of their marriage, at their home, 2200 Fourth avenue, Tuesday night. Euchre and dancing were the features of the evening. Those present were Misses Lizzie Siener, Ida Couchman, Ray McGuire, Margaret Halloran, Anna May Couchman and Messrs. Henry Lett, John McGuire, Messrs. and Mesdames James Couchman, Frank McGuire, Sr., Conrad Wallschmidt and Frank McGuire, Jr.

MACKIN'S MEN

WILL Have Another Lively Debate According to Schedule.

The attendance at Mackin Council, Y. M. L., Tuesday night was fair, but there was a great amount of business transacted. Five new members were elected and ten applications were received. The Visiting Committee reported that five members were still on the sick list, a communication from the Supreme President, urging the members to do their utmost to increase the membership and build up the order in Kentucky. Resolution was read. The President also recommended Mackin Council for the spirit previously shown.

The Opera Committee reported that satisfactory progress was being made in rehearsals. It was decided to hold meetings of the council on Monday instead of Tuesday night during the Lenten period. It was also decided to pay a social visit to Trinity Council in the near future.

Before the meeting adjourned it was announced that the Debating Club had prepared another treat for tomorrow afternoon. The question to be discussed is, "Resolved, That the Government should own and operate the railroads." Frank Morgan and John Kinney will uphold the affirmative, while Sherley Cuniff and Thomas Bachman will espouse the negative. The debate will be held in the club house at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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Dominicans have a habit of doing things well, but the ceremonies last Sunday surpassed anything ever attempted in St. Louis. Bertrand's church. The lights, the simple yet ornate decorations, the solemn music, the boys and girls, the dignity of the clergy, were enough to attract devotion from an infidel, but the Blessed Sacrament was there besides.

Grandmothers and grandfathers, uncles, aunts and cousins were there to see the little Hollands, Foleys, Burkes, Finnegan, Hennessys, McDermotts, Monahans, Faheys, McGuires, Kennedys, O'Connors, Talbots, Morgans and others, all with Irish names, as they passed by. They were all Irish children and in feature, costume and demeanor the boys were not surpassed by the girls.

The solemn services closed Tuesday night, when the procession of Sunday was repeated, and the entire congregation joined with the choir and children in the hymn of praise, "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name."

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State Deputy M. M. Purcell, of State, presided over the institution of a new council at Salida, in

that State. Last Sunday, visiting Knights to the number of 150 came from every point of the compass to attend the celebration. At 11:30 o'clock a special mass was celebrated for the Knights.

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HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

Division 2 held a good meeting last night and talk of the Marching Club evoked enthusiasm.

Division 1 of Minneapolis gave a complimentary entertainment to its members last Tuesday night.

Division 6, of Springfield, Mass., has accepted the architects' plans for the erection of a building to cost \$50,000.

Milwaukee Hibernians have secured the Pabst Theater, the largest in the city, for their St. Patrick's day celebration.

The Hibernian Council of Lowell, Mass., has been incorporated, and steps are being taken for the erection of a new home.

Division 4 will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting Monday night. The last meeting of Division 1 this month will be held next Friday.

Members of Ladies' Auxiliary, Division 2, of St. Paul, presented its President, Mrs. Margaret Carey, with a handsome set of Haviland china.

Division 8 of Manchester, N. H., celebrated its first anniversary and the beginning of its second year by the initiation of sixteen candidates. Work like that counts.

The Hibernians of Worcester, Mass., are planning for a big parade on St. Patrick's day and a night celebration in Mechanics' Hall, when Rev. James P. Curran, of Holyoke, will be the orator.

The division and auxiliary of Janesville, Wis., will celebrate the feast of their patron saint by attending high mass in a body at St. Patrick's church, and in the evening will have a banquet.

Hon. T. S. Hogan, of Wellston, Ohio, has been endorsed by the County Board of Jackson County, Ohio, as candidate for National President of the order. Mr. Hogan has served two terms as State President.

County President John McCarthy, of New Haven, Conn., is making great efforts to have the coming convention and State parade, to be held in that city, the greatest Irish demonstration ever held in New England, and that is saying a good deal.

Over 600 couples attended the annual ball of Division 31 of Boston, the proceeds of which largely increased the sick and death benefit fund. County President John Dillon and the officers of Ladies' Auxiliary 9 were special guests of the evening.

The eighteen auxiliaries in Allegheny county held their annual reception at McElroy Auditorium, with more than 1,200 present. It was the most successful affair yet held by the organization. The programme included progressive euchre, forty-five, Irish and American dancing and a luncheon.

Not less than 500 people witnessed the installation of the officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Division 13, in South Boston. Both the County President and Secretary were presented with handsome articles in cut glass, while the newly installed President and Vice President were presented with handsome vases and flowers in abundance.

INITIAL DRILL.

Hibernians Rifles to Be Put Through Their Paces Tomorrow.

Col. Joseph P. McGinn will drill the recruits for the Hibernian Rifles at Bertrand Hall at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. It is expected that about thirty members of the company will be on hand for the initial drill. It is hoped that the company will be so augmented from time to time that its membership will be four or five, and that it will be able to make an excellent showing at Indianapolis next summer when the National convention is to be held.

Twenty years ago the Hibernian Rifles was a military organization for the Irish to be proud of. Many of the old members are still alive and as active as in days of yore. Some of the former members have sons large enough to enter the organization now, and it is confidently believed that if the old members show the proper spirit that the younger Hibernians will not be far behind.

Well begun is half done, you know, so Col. McGinn and Secretary McElliott are particularly anxious for a large class at the first drill.

BAD WATER.

That Filter Seems to Have Gone On Unprovoked Strike.

Louisville people are asking each other "What has become of that water filter that was going to be applied February 1? Has it quit? Did it ever work?"

Who can answer? The water this week has been something fearful. You got a fragment of a farm with each glassful. If you had the temerity to draw a bucketful, you got fragments of several farms. But the people have to stand it. If you make a kick your rate of discount is liable to a change to the detriment of your pocketbook.

Before the so-called reform era you received a rebate at the ratio of twenty cents on the dollar. That is if your bill was \$1 you were let off for eighty cents if you paid promptly. Since Marshall Bullitt, Sebastian Zorn and others began to investigate the alleged crookedness, which they did not find, if your bill is \$1 you have to pay ninety-five cents if you pay promptly. And the water is vile, stale, flat and unprofitable.

HELD BUSINESS SESSION.

Division 1, A. O. H., held a well attended meeting Friday night of last week, and many matters of routine were disposed of. President Mulroy congratulated the members on the cleverly with which they got rid of affairs coming before them. The various reports of committees, including the announcement of ar-

rangements made by the County Board for the religious and social celebrations of St. Patrick's day, were approved. The report of the Hall Committee did not find favor and the members were instructed to try again.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Late News That Will Interest Members Here and Elsewhere.

Washington Knights have arranged a series of lectures to be held before the Lenten season opens, and it is said that Cardinal Gibbons will be one of the orators.

At Utica, N. Y., the third degree will be conferred on a class of 100 on Washington's birthday. This will be the third initiation conducted by that council within a year.

Loras Council of Davenport, Iowa, has donated \$250 for the equipment of the new laundry for St. Vincent's Home, for which the Sisters and orphans are very grateful.

A class of eighty candidates received the three degrees at Syracuse last week, and more than 500 Knights from surrounding towns witnessed the initiation and then sat down to an excellent lunch.

The third degree was conferred on a class of 100 at Auburn, N. Y., Friday of last week. Knights from Syracuse and other neighboring cities turned out in large numbers to witness the initiation.

The council at Dayton, Ohio, has given \$25 to the Citizens' Committee for the relief of the unemployed, and Grand Knight Brendan has been instructed to pledge the council's best efforts to aid the Mayor and other civic authorities in relieving the poor and distressed.

The Knights of all the councils in Maryland will assemble in Baltimore tomorrow afternoon to tender a reception to Cardinal Gibbons. It is said that His Eminence will deliver an address of importance, not only to the Knights of his own diocese but interesting to all members of the order.

The three degrees will be conferred on a large class at Fort Wayne tomorrow afternoon.

Louisville degree team will go to Covington on Friday of tomorrow morning to assist Miss Deputy James Rogers, of Lexington, in conferring the third degree upon the new members of Newport Council. Louisville Council will hold its annual reception on the evening of Monday, March 2.

GETTING READY.

Rehearsals For Mackin's Next Opera Are About to Begin.

Arrangements for the production of "A Mile From Town" by Mackin's Opera Company are rapidly taking shape. The performance will not be given until May, but Alyn Kanston, the composer; Thomas D. Cline, Louis J. Kieffer, Prof. Vincent Falisi and others in charge of the work declare that they will soon have a large chorus of good voices under full training.

Those who have heard selections from the score and libretto say that the music is more tuneful and the dialogue more sparkling than was that of "The Dreamers," which was given by the same company a year ago. There are quite a number of characters in the cast besides the large chorus. It is predicted that socially and financially the opera this year will be a greater hit than the one of last year.

Mr. Kanston, the composer, will direct the rehearsals and with his artistic touch will set all in as near perfection as can be expected of amateur performers before the opera is presented to the public. Last Tuesday night he presented Mackin Council with a large photograph of the full cast of the company that presented "The Dreamers" a year ago. The gift was graciously received.

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MOVABLE FEASTS.

Last Sunday was Septuagesima Sunday, the day on which the church begins to prepare for Easter. From then until Easter the Gloria in Exsilio is omitted in masses unless some special feast is to be celebrated. Tomorrow will be Sexagesima Sunday, or sixth Sunday before Easter. March 1 will be Quinquagesima Sunday. Lent will begin Ash Wednesday, March 4. Passion Sunday falls on April 5, Palm Sunday on April 12, Easter Sunday on April 19. May 24 will be Rogation Sunday and the following Thursday will be Ascension day. Whit-Sunday this year falls on June 7, Trinity Sunday on June 15 and Corpus Christi on June 18.

AMUSEMENTS.

Louisville people are asking each other "What has become of that water filter that was going to be applied February 1? Has it quit? Did it ever work?"

Billy Van, an old and favorite entertainer in Louisville, will come to the Masonic Theater next week in the star role of "Patsy in Politics." This will be one of the season's best bills at this house.

The motion pictures at Hopkins Theatre continue to draw large crowds every afternoon and night, and every day this week the hand-some playhouse has been filled from six to eight times. Even for those who are surprised with theater going, the motion pictures have a lure that can not be eluded. Where there is tragedy the scenes are strong and performed by competent actors, but it is the comedy pictures that delight the women and children. Lovers of good music, too, enjoy the illustrated songs. Taking it all in all, there is no better or cheaper amusement in Louisville.

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IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of the Recent Events Culled From Exchanges.

Mrs. James Fenly died recently at her home in Farnthia, near Ballytrain, and her funeral took place at Killalake.

Dublin is suffering from over-crowding in the tenement districts. The aggregate export of porter for the year 1907 showed an increase of 12,321 hogsheads.

The election in North Leitrim for members of Parliament took place yesterday. From present indications Hon. C. J. Dolan will be returned by a handsome majority.

The latest official census is authority for the statement that more than 600,000 residents of the country speak the Gaelic language, and at least 100,000 more that speak the language in part.

The Very Rev. Canon Coyne, of Keady, has returned from London, where he underwent a serious surgical operation. On his return his people met him and presented him with a handsome illuminated address.

All the business houses in Wexford were closed out of respect to the memory of the Rev. Patrick O'Connor, administrator of that diocese. The deceased was for many years a professor in St. Peter's College in Wexford.

Walter MacMurrough Kavanagh, of Borris House, County Carlow, has been selected by the Irish Parliamentary party to become its candidate to succeed the late John Hammond, M. P. He died his ancestry back 1,000 years.

Dr. George Hamill, for many years dispensary physician at Monasterboice, has been elected Medical Director of the Drogheda Workhouse. Lawrence Callen, of Corbane, Carrickmacross, has been appointed to the Peace Commission for County Monaghan.

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CHOIR BANQUET.

Rev. Father Cunningham Gave Delightful Supper to Members.

The Rev. Father Bernard A. Cunningham, formerly pastor of Holy Cross church, this city, certainly keeps things hustling wherever he goes. He is now pastor at St. Vincent's station, Waverly, Ky. One of his chief prides is his admirable choir. Under his management the choir has increased in numbers and has made many steps toward proficiency in church music.

Thursday evening of last week Father Cunningham tendered the choir a supper at his rectory, and his sister, Miss Lizzie Cunningham, spread a feast fit for the most fastidious epicureans, even though she was away off in Western Kentucky. Besides Father Cunningham, the Rev. Father B. Wright, of St. Vincent's Academy, graced the banqueting board.

After the guests had done ample justice to the sumptuous spread the various members of the choir sang solos, duets, and choruses, while others entertained with instrumental music. All departed declaring that Father Cunningham and his sister were delightful hosts.

DEGREE WORK.

Joint Initiation of Hibernians Apt to Draw a Big Crowd.

Louisville Hibernians will assemble from the four points of the compass next Thursday evening to assist at the joint initiation to be held under the auspices of the four local divisions. It is estimated that a class of not less than forty will receive the degrees, and that each division will be well represented in the class of candidates. Members of the order from Jeffersonville and New Albany have been invited to be present, and no doubt quite a number will take advantage of the invitation.

The initiatory ceremonies will be held in Bertrand Hall, Sixth street, near Oak, and will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. The hall is that recently furnished by Division 4, and with a piano, stage, lights and general equipment, is admirably adapted for the initiation. It is said now that the approaching ceremony will be one of the most elaborate ever conducted by the order in Louisville.

The degree team will be made up of Judge Patrick T. Sullivan, David Reilly, James Coleman and Austin E. Walsh. Their work will be augmented by a choir of at least 100 voices. Every Hibernian in the city is invited to attend the initiation.

NEW DRILL GROUND.

Companies A and C, Uniform Rank, Catholic Knights of America, will drill in Phoenix Hill Park for their drill in future, and will assemble there on the night of the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. One of the features of the State convention of the C. K. of A. will be the competitive drill between the two local companies and Company B of Bellfonte. Major Gen. Reichert and Col. McGinn desire a full assembly of the two companies at the new drill ground next Tuesday night.

LOST ONE LEG.

Frederick L. Hayes, a brakeman in the employ of the Monon railroad, fell beneath a train of cars last Sunday and sustained injuries that necessitated the amputation of the right leg. His home is in New Albany, and he is being cared for at St. Edward's City Hospital in that city. His many friends entertain hope for his speedy recovery.

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